



EXHIBIT 1

DATE 2/11/15

HB 371

Sheriffs & Peace Officers Association

February 11, 2015

To: Chairman Bennett and Members of House Judiciary Committee.
Fr: Jim Smith, MSPOA

Re: Testimony for HB 298, HB 371.

Please accept this as testimony in opposition to HB 298 (Generally revise concealed weapon laws) and HB 371 (Generally revise concealed weapon laws). I thought the Committee would be interested in some of the history of legislation under consideration today (HBs 298, 371). Also, in similar bills introduced in previous sessions. By way of brief background, I started working for the Sheriffs in 1995.

1997. HB 429. Intro'd by Rep. Wells. Effectively eliminated the Carrying Concealed Weapon (CCW) Permit requirement by greatly expanding the number of individual exempted from the requirement to obtain a concealed weapon permit. HB 429 was tabled in House Judiciary.

1997-1999. 'Consensus Group' works on revisions to CCWs. MTA (Tavern Assoc.), MSSA (Shooting Sports Assoc.), MBA (Bankers Assoc.), MSPOA (Sheriffs), Antique Weapons Dealers.

1999. SB 186. Intro'd by Sen. Wells. Revisions to CCW Law. Identified 'prohibited places' (basically included banks, bars and public buildings). Signed by Governor.

1999. HB 459. Intro'd by Rep. Bob Clark. CCW Reciprocity Agreement with other states. Signed by Governor.

2001. HB 202. Intro'd by Rep. Davies. Concealed weapon and & public employees. Tabled in House Judiciary Committee.

2001. SB 18. Intro'd by Sen. O'Neill. Drivers License Application Firearms Purchase Check. Missed Transmittal.

2003. SB 184. Intro'd by Rep. Butcher. Lifetime CCW permits. Tabled in House FWP Committee.

2005. HB 693. Intro'd by Rep. Wells. Citizen Right to Self Defense. Died On House Floor.

2007. HB 340. Intro'd by Rep. Wells. Citizen Right to Self Defense. Tabled in Senate Judiciary.

2009. HB 228. Intro'd by Rep. Kerns. Citizen Self Defense and Firearm Rights. Signed by Governor.

2011. SB 114. Intro'd by Sen. Hinkle. Federal Law Enforcement Officers Should Communicate with Local Sheriffs before taking Official Action in a County (Sheriffs First). Vetoed by Governor.

2011. HB 271. Intro'd by Rep. Kerns. Exception to concealed weapon offense if eligible to obtain permit (Permit/No Permit). Vetoed by Governor.

2011. HB 381. Intro'd by Rep. Kerns. Criminalize enforcement of certain federal firearm laws. Died in process.

2011. HB 384. Intro'd by Rep. Kerns. Revise carrying concealed weapon in prohibited places. Died in standing committee.

2013. HB 302. Intro'd by Rep. Kerns. Prohibit state enforcement of any federal ban on semiauto firearms/ magazine. Vetoed by Governor.

2013. HB 303. Intro'd by Rep. Kerns. Federal law enforcement officers should communicate with the sheriff (Sheriffs First). Died on House floor. 3rd Reading (47-53).

2013. HB 304. Intro'd by Rep. Kerns. Generally revise concealed weapon laws (Permit/No Permit). Vetoed by Governor.

2013. HB 358. Intro'd by Rep. Kerns. Revise laws related to the offense of carrying a concealed weapon (Prohibited Places). Died on House floor. 2nd Reading (48-52).

2013. SB 37. Intro'd by Sen. Murphy. Declaring conceal weapon permit app. Info as confidential; criminal justice info. Died in standing committee.

2013. SB 145. Intro'd by Sen. Moore. Require all information on a concealed weapon permit application confidential. Signed by the Governor.